

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Frederic SGIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Application No.: 10/766,911 ) Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.  
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Filed: January 30, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 4613  
)  
For: VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS )  
DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of July 7, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a 3 month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$510.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	22	-	7	15	x \$ 50	\$ 750.00
Indep.	2	-	1	0	x \$200	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$360	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 750.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 375.00
TOTAL						\$ 375.00


- ☒ A fee of \$375.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

- ☒ A fee of \$395.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination is enclosed.

☒ A fee in the amount of \$1280.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: January 5, 2007

By:   
Matthew Van Eman  
Reg. No. 58,063